



**2011-2012 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season Eight
Harrah's Tunica
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$345
Total Entries: 701
Total Prize Pool: \$203,991
February 4-5, 2012**

Final Results:

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1	Paul "Bicycle" Sokoloff	Toronto	ON	\$41,544
2	Terry Griffith	Magnolia	AR	\$25,705
3	Jerry Ard	Monticello	MS	\$18,854
4	Gary Lambert	Quincy	IL	\$14,021
5	Andrew Bucaric	Brentwood	TN	\$10,568
6	Jeffery Overton	Hamilton	AL	\$8,071
7	Bradford Albrinck	Cincinnati	OH	\$6,245
8	Jayaram Kottimugalur	Columbus	IN	\$4,896
9	Randy Ritterbush	Forsyth	MO	\$3,887
10	Jerry Monroe	Columbus	GA	\$3,125
11	Jimmy Pruitt	Matewan	WV	\$3,125
12	William Young	Brentwood	TN	\$3,125
13	Christopher Marshall	San Diego	CA	\$2,543
14	Michael Dalton	Columbia	MO	\$2,543
15	Michael Gillean	Nashville	TN	\$2,543
16	Andrew Rothfolk	Cleveland	TN	\$2,095
17	John Rollins	Jasper	AL	\$2,095
18	Brandon Summers	Villa Ridge	MO	\$2,095
19	Kevin Praytor	Odenville	AL	\$1,747
20	Charles Hafner	Kingston	TN	\$1,747
21	Peter Sullivan	Roscoe	IL	\$1,747
22	Clifford Mathews	Birmingham	AL	\$1,473
23	Douglas Carli	Alliance	OH	\$1,473
24	Jason Bain	Memphis	TN	\$1,473
25	Eric Hall	Germantown	TN	\$1,258
26	Michael Stafford	Camden	AR	\$1,258
27	J Hajar	Atlanta	GA	\$1,258
28	Randy Godwin	Tishomingo	MS	\$1,086
29	Darrell Manning	Kosciusko	MS	\$1,086
30	Debra Hamlin	Huntsville	AL	\$1,086
31	Wayne Gatheright	Walls	MS	\$948
32	Curtis Jones	Atlanta	GA	\$948
33	Rogers Patterson	Bryant	AR	\$948
34	Steven Pionk	Aberdeen	SD	\$839
35	Dale Lloyd	Shepherdsville	KY	\$839
36	Dirk Morris	Knoxville	TN	\$839
37	Christopher Green	Manhattan	KS	\$750
38	William Frost	Rives	TN	\$750
39	Mark Jarema	Vestavia	AL	\$750
40	Mark Goss	West Memphis	AR	\$750
41	Glen Driver	Bethpage	TN	\$750

42	Ryan Hill	Acworth	GA	\$750
43	Phillip Olive	Huntsville	AL	\$750
44	David Stafford	Westland	MI	\$750
45	Jason Parish	Livingston	IL	\$750
46	Kevin Glover	Harvest	AL	\$677
47	Stanley Copeland	Marion	AR	\$677
48	Charles Bocksnick	North Little Rock	AR	\$677
49	William Phillips	Ozark	MO	\$677
50	John Philpott	Salisbury	NC	\$677
51	Daniel Isenhour	Blue Springs	MO	\$677
52	Barry Anderson	Austin	TX	\$677
53	John Akin	Smyrna	GA	\$677
54	Hyman Friedman	Cordova	TN	\$677
55	Kip Jones	Denham Springs	LA	\$618
56	Thomas Coleman	Hot Springs	AR	\$618
57	Lucas Glaze	Bald Knob	AR	\$618
58	Larry Thomson	Smyrna	TN	\$618
59	Gregg Collins	Meridianville	AL	\$618
60	Christopher Bailey	Lexington	AL	\$618
61	Rachelle Basinger	Hiram	GA	\$618
62	Donald Goebel	Benton	AR	\$618
63	Richard Bolden	Christiana	TN	\$618
64	Eli Loewenthal	Carmel	IN	\$567
65	Patrick Kelly	Knoxville	TN	\$567
66	William Enis	Corinth	MS	\$567
67	Jerry Lunningham	Russellville	AR	\$567
68	Bradley Fowler	Seneca	SC	\$567
69	John Hanna	Houston	TX	\$567
70	Nathan Foust	Cullman	AL	\$567
71	Susan Davis	Saint Charles	MO	\$567
72	David New	Little Rock	AR	\$567

Big Game Weekend at Harrah's Tunica

Paul "Bicycle" Sokoloff Wins WSOP Circuit Event #2 as Huge Turnouts Continue through Superbowl Sunday

TUNICA, MS. – All the buzz was about Superbowl XLVI this past weekend, however, poker players looking for the "Big Game" could find it right here at the WSOP Circuit Events at Harrah's Tunica.

Event #2, (\$345 buy-in, No-Limit Hold'em) kicked off promptly at noon Saturday with a starting field of 701 players, each with their eye on a WSOP Circuit Gold Ring and \$41,544 in first place prize money. With an additional 170 players returning later that afternoon from a starting field of 1,128 in Event #1, not a single seat was open in the massive Harrah's Tunica Event Center.

Many hours after the dramatic conclusion of this year's NFL Championship saw Eli Manning and his G-Men each claim their stake on a Super Bowl ring, Paul Sokoloff, a 42-year-old self-employed amateur player from Toronto, ON was adorned with a ring of his own, a WSOP Circuit gold ring.

It was a grueling day two for Sokoloff, who endured over 16 hours of play en route to victory, including eight hours at the final table, which lasted through daybreak Monday morning.

Event #2 generated a \$203,991 prize pool, from which 72 players would take home their share.

About fifty players returned for day two just a few hours before kickoff Sunday to play down to a winner. By around 10 PM, the final nine players were determined.

Name	Hometown	Seat	Chip Count
Terry Griffith	Magnolia, AR	1	531,000
Andrew Bhcaric	Nashville, TN	2	560,000
Gary Lambert	Quincy, IL	3	315,000
Jerry Ard	Monticello, MS	4	931,000
Brad Albrinck	Cincinnati, OH	5	1,550,000
Jayaram Kottimugalur	Columbus, IN	6	430,000
Paul "Bicycle" Sokoloff	Toronto, ON	7	611,000
Jeff Overton	Hamilton, AL	8	1,554,000
Randy Ritterbush	Forsyth, MO	9	565,000

9th Place

Not long after the start of final table play just after 10:00 pm, Randy Ritterbush saw his chip stack whittled down to the felt before being eliminated in ninth place. Ninth place paid \$3,887.

8th Place

Jayaram Kottimugalur, a 24-year-old Engineer from Columbus, IN, was the eighth place finisher in this event. His third WSOP Circuit final table earned him \$4,896.

7th Place

Another engineer, 26-year-old Brad Albrinck of Cincinnati, OH was eliminated in seventh place. Albrinck, who plays recreationally and has final tabled a number of poker tournaments throughout the Midwest, took home \$6,245 for his efforts.

6th Place

Jeff Overton, a 44-year-old poker player who came away with a ring win back in September at Horseshoe Bossier City, was hoping to duplicate that feat here in Event #2 at Harrah's Tunica, but fell short of his goal after being eliminated in sixth place. He pocketed \$8,071.

5th Place

Andrew Bucaric was determined to take down Event #2, but busted out a few spots short of his goal. Visibly disappointed after being eliminated, he headed off to the payout table to collect \$10,568.

4th Place

Dr. Gary Lambert is one of the more colorful personalities on the WSOP Circuit tour. The 48-year-old chiropractor and married father of 6 "with one on the way!" kept the table jovial through the early morning hours. He even donated his services to Terry Griffith, relieving Griffith of a strained neck after which he proclaimed. "I'm not a chiropractor, but I did stay a Holiday Inn Express last night!"

After his fourth place elimination, Sokoloff even stood up to thank him for the "positive energy that he brought to the final table." Fourth place paid \$14,021.

3th Place

Jerry Ard's elimination in 3rd place (\$18,854) set the stage for a four-hour heads up duel between Griffith and Sokoloff. With seven million chips in play distributed about evenly between the two, it soon became clear that neither player was willing to leave it to the cards to decide a winner.

Play between the two was tight and deliberate, with much pre-flop raising and folding and almost no hands ever going to showdown. At one point, Sokoloff was finally able to build a substantial lead over his final opponent, however Griffith found a double up to even the score. An hour or so later, it was Sokoloff who against the rail but he was able to double up after flopping a pair of aces all-in vs. Griffith's pocket queens.

With new life, Sokoloff never looked back. Around 7:30 am, with his opponent on life support, Sokoloff got him all-in with his own pair of queens vs. Griffith's A-6. This time, no ace fell on the board and Griffith was declared the runner-up

Griffith hails from Magnolia, AR. He collected \$25,705 for second place.

For his victory, Sokoloff was awarded \$41,544 and the coveted WSOP Circuit gold ring. He joins Chip Ervin and Andrew Mcilvain atop the Harrah's Tunica Casino Championship leaderboard.

The Casino Champion is the player who earns the most points through the 12 events at Harrah's Tunica. This player will earn an automatic seat to the \$1 million WSOP Circuit National Championship to be held in late May. More information about the WSOPC National Championship can be found [here](#). An explanation of the points system can be found [here](#).

Still to come are 10 events. See the complete Harrah's Tunica Circuit schedule and previous results [here](#). The WSOP Circuit Events at Harrah's Tunica runs through February 13th. You can find the complete 2010/2011 WSOP CIRCUIT SCHEDULE [here](#).

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About Harrah's Tunica

Harrah's Tunica is located 20 minutes south of Memphis, Tennessee and was originally opened in 1996 as Grand Casino. On May, 23, 2008 Paula Deen cut the official grand opening ribbon at Harrah's Tunica featuring the first of its kind Paula Deen Buffet and an interactive gaming floor that is the largest in the region. Spanning over 2,000 acres Harrah's Tunica features the Links at Cottonwoods championship golf course designed by Hale Irwin, Willows Sporting Clays and Hunting Center, the Mid-South Convention Center offering over 65,000 square feet of indoor meeting space, three elegant hotels totaling 1356 hotel rooms, the 200-space Mid-South RV Resort, Bellissimo Spa and Salon, and a 2,400 seat event center that features headline entertainment

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